



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG-2023-0235]

Safety Zones; Recurring Safety Zones in Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie Zone

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce various safety zones for maritime events in the Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie Zone. Enforcement of these safety zones is necessary to protect the safety of life and property on the navigable waters immediately prior to, during, and immediately after this event. During the aforementioned period, the Coast Guard will enforce restrictions upon, and control movement of, vessels in a specified area immediately prior to, during, and immediately after events. During each enforcement period, vessels must stay out of the established safety zone and may only enter with permission from the designated representative of the Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie.

DATES: The regulations listed in 33 CFR 165.918 will be enforced for the safety zones identified in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below for the dates and times specified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this publication, call or email Waterways Management division, LT Deaven Palenzuela, Coast Guard Sector Sault Sainte Marie, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 906-635-3223, email ssmprevention@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zones in 33 CFR 165.918, Table 165.918, at the following dates and times for the following events:

(1) Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau Friday Night Fireworks (Mackinaw City, MI): From 8:30 p.m. through 11 p.m. on May 26, 2023; June 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, 2023; July 2, 4,

7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, 2023; August 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, 2023; and September 1, 3, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023.

(2) Festivals of Fireworks Celebration Fireworks (St. Ignace, MI). From 9 p.m. through 11 p.m. on June 24, 2023; July 4, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023; August 5, 12, 19, 26; and September 2, 2023.

This enforcement includes alternative rain dates one the day after any affected event.

Under the provisions of 33 CFR 165.918, entry into, transiting, or anchoring within the safety zones during an enforcement period is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie or his designated representative. Those seeking permission to enter the safety zone may request permission from the Captain of Port Sault Sainte Marie via channel 16, VHF-FM. Vessels and persons granted permission to enter the safety zone shall obey the directions of the Captain of Port Sault Sainte Marie or his designated representatives. While within the safety zone, all vessels shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course.

This notice of enforcement is issued under authority of 33 CFR 165.918 and 5 U.S.C. 552(a). In addition to this notice of enforcement in the *Federal Register*, the Coast Guard will provide the maritime community with advance notification of this enforcement period via Broadcast Notice to Mariners or Local Notice to Mariners. If the Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie determines that the safety zone need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this notice he or she may suspend such enforcement and notify the public of the suspension via Broadcast Notice to Mariners and grant general permission to enter the respective safety zone.

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